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Friday 16th December 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 2nd Jan	Tues 3rd Jan	Wed 4th Jan	Thurs 5th Jan	Fri 6th Jan
3 WEEK MENU.pdf Week 1 Menu School closed for Christmas	Inset Day	Week 1 Menu School opens for Spring term		
Mon 9th Jan	Tues 10th Jan	Wed 11th Jan	Thurs 12th Jan	Fri 13th Jan

Message from Mr North

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has optimised how fabulous our team is, with supporting our children to perform the Year 4 Christmas Service, they were brilliant! They told the story of the birth of Jesus and shared prayers in their own words and sang beautifully. Jackie and the kitchen staff, ably supported by a few staff serving, produced an amazing Christmas Dinner, and our Early Years team took our children to their first Pantomime, thanks for your support in this PTA! What a wonderful send-off I have been given this morning, so many odd socks and waistcoats being worn today! Perhaps this will be the legacy of my headship? 😊

As you know this is my final letter as Headteacher of Upton Heath C of E Primary School. I just want to express my thanks and sense of gratitude for your support over the last three years. We have certainly had quite a journey during that time. It has been an absolute delight getting to know you, share your children with you and to see them grow and develop into the people that they are now. There have been some challenges during our journey, but the values that we subscribe to are evident daily. Our children, our UHPS team and our local community (The UHPS Family) have lived our values of **Resilience** in action, **Respect** for all, **Compassion** to understand and **Together** we achieve.

Upton Heath has certainly enriched my life and I will take away some incredible memories with me as I end my 25 year career as a Headteacher. Your support, kind words and best wishes have humbled me and helped me make the transition into semi-retirement a lot easier. As I move onto a new chapter in my life, I know that the school is in a good place and that it is in very good hands. I am confident that all will go on from strength to strength and that Mr. Roberts will do a brilliant job of driving the school forward, as UHPS starts another new chapter in its long and illustrious life.

Finally, and on behalf of all of the UHPS team, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Yours faithfully

Mr Conrad North, Headteacher



Mr North,

Thank you for steering the school in the right direction and providing the children, staff, parents, Governors and our whole community with a clear vision- one that is embedded in the stick of rock that you have created for us, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

I hope that the children have provided you with an insight into the impact that you have had on them.

When you first came to Upton Heath, you spoke passionately about us all being part of your family. We are very grateful and thankful for all that you have done- but we realise that we now need to give you back to your own family- to enable you to spend precious time with them as you move onto semi-retirement.

We will miss you

MAJESTIC ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB WITH MAJESTIC ACADEMY
 Monday 19th / Tuesday 20th / Wednesday 21st /
 Thursday 22nd
 Time: 10AM-3PM

**Free days to anyone who receives free school dinners
 4-17 years.**
**A day of Christmas Fun, including crafts, dancing, drama,
 singing and a movie with popcorn and singalongs.**
Lunch provided to those on free school meals

Email info@majesticacademyofperformingarts.co.uk or book here
<https://mapa.class4kids.co.uk/camp/29>
 For *Free school dinners* ensure to book on the FSD link below
<https://mapa.class4kids.co.uk/camp/29>

Christmas Holiday Club - Free School Dinners/SEND Placements

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see the information below and attached flyer;

We at Majestic Academy of Performing Arts and Dance in Upton-By-Chester High School are super excited to bring some creativity this Christmas for anyone aged between 4-17 years. Sessions will run from 10am - 3pm each day with a lunch break.

Children also not on free school dinners/SEND can also book and attend for £20 per day per child to attend. Also supported by the HAF program we will also be providing free meals for those on free school dinners.

Places are limited, to book yours now click on the links below:-

<https://mapa.class4kids.co.uk/camp/30> - free school dinner/send placements

<https://mapa.class4kids.co.uk/camp/29> - paying children placements



Christmas Greetings

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from The Chester DBE team

Afterschool pop-up Astronomy

Well it was nice to get a few sessions in before the end of term.

Fingers crossed for some clear evenings early next term to observe Mars, the Red Planet.

Meanwhile please find attached a guide to the early evening skies in January.

[Early Evening Observing Jan 2023.pdf](#)

Bebras competition

In November, all of KS2 took part in the Bebras computational thinking competition and what an amazing job you all did. Congratulations to all that took part.

A special mention to **Jack Murphy** in Year 6, who not only won the best in school award from the Y6/7 competition, scored the highest within the whole of Upton Heath but also scored high enough to win a Gold Award which allowed him to progress to another competition in January with the University of Oxford. - Well done, Jack.

Within year 6, we also had another 14 children receiving distinctions. Well done to all.

In the Year 4/5 competition, a big well done to **Martin Ivanov** who received the best in the school award, along with 30 other children in year 5 who received a distinction

In Year 3, a big well done to **Aarav Kapur** and **Sayul Wijekoon** for winning the best in the school award and the 14 other children who received distinctions.

Congratulations to all who participated. We received the best results we have since taking part in the competition - Some budding computation thinkers of the future are certainly developing!

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Please see the below link with some useful information around activity and clubs in Cheshire west and Chester

https://www.livewell.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/Services/3991?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo



Year 4 Carol Service

On Wednesday, Year 4 led a Christmas Service for their parents, carers and extended members of our Upton Heath family. Mrs Buckland, Mrs Mistry and Mrs Lewis were extremely proud of how wonderfully the children sang the carols and how clearly they retold the story of the First Christmas. Thank you to Reverend Paul for his support

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>CONKERS:</p> <p>We will be doing individual stars of the week in the New Year</p>	<p>ASH: Seb Thomas for describing and explaining the properties of everyday materials and using the correct vocabulary.</p> <p>Sofia Lamont for her kind and generous attitude to others. Sofia is always willing to help a friend out and take care of others.</p>
<p>YEW: Edha Kapur for showing lots of resilience and great skills in creating her Christmas card in computing.</p> <p>Ethan McGarrity for his fantastic work in computing and for being extra helpful in looking after resources in the STEM room.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE: Ludovica Ferraro for showing super resilience in all she does and producing amazing art, especially this week with her clay owl model.</p> <p>Ava Concannon for being a kind friend and always trying her best with her work.</p>	<p>BEECH: Lucian Taylor for showing lots of perseverance when sculpting his clay owl, it looks fantastic!</p> <p>Soraya Newman for showing lots of kindness and being super helpful towards everybody at all times!</p>
<p>CEDAR: Cara Mason for making and amazing shadow box and great design skills!</p> <p>Sophie Campbell for taking great care in the presentation of her shadow box. An amazing design!</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: Will Clegg for trying super hard making his shadow box.</p> <p>Saara Shaheen for being a supportive and respectful classmate.</p>	<p>JUNIPER: Zoe Brayshaw for finishing her beautiful winter shadow box and then helping other children.</p> <p>Sienna Edwards Bristow for always adding interesting facts and observations to our lessons. Great fossils knowledge!</p>
<p>LIME: Millie Shipton for her hard work and determination in everything she does!</p> <p>Alex Jones for his ideas and effort when writing his Escape from Pompeii story.</p>	<p>HAZEL: Pearl O'Marah for filling our class with joy and kindness. A great addition to our Upton Heath family!</p> <p>Muhammad Ceesay for his dedication and commitment in every challenge he is tasked with, especially in maths!</p>	<p>ELM: Belle Thompson for her wonderful responses in our Christmas R.E lesson.</p> <p>Devlin Ismay for being kind in his actions and for thinking of others.</p>
<p>BIRCH: Kays Elgamoudi for writing a fantastic traditional tale about Jub and the Witch!</p> <p>Olivia Stockton for always being a supportive friend and compassionate member of Birch.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: For everybody in Chestnut class for their exceptional behaviour and positive attitude at Min -Y- Don. The children were wonderful company and it was a pleasure to spend time with them. They gave every activity a go, faced their fears and conquered personal challenges. We even have a new crate climbing champion! Well done everybody.</p>	<p>OAK: Jai Prakash and Adnan Butt for their hard work and supportive attitude on our Make Do and Mend project</p>